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Sir: This	is a request for filing a				
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of pending pr	ior Application Serial No.: 09/913,450				
Filed on: 8/	Of: R. OTTERSBACH et al				
	HAFT CONTROL DEVICE AND CONTROL VALVE WITH				
LEAK	AGE COMPENSATION				
1. [X]	Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed and an affidavit of declaration verifying it as a true copy. (See 8 and 8a for drawing requirements).				
2. []	Prepare a copy of the prior application.				
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CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

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Charles A. Muserlian, 19,683						
5. [X] PTO Form-2038 in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.						
6. [] Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).						
7. [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line in the sentence: This is a [] Continuation, [] Division of Serial No. this application.						
8. [] Transfer the drawings from the prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used before payment of base issue fee).						
8a. New formal drawings are enclosed.						
8b. [x] Priority of application Serial No. 199 05 646.3 Filed: 2/11/99 8c. [X] The certified copy of been filed in the prior application Serial No. 09/913,450						
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 - a. $\{x\}$ The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.
 - b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - c. [X] Recognize as associate attorney and address all future communications to:

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- 11. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number of next following the highest numbered original claims in the prior application)
- 12. [X] I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. ____09/913,450 ____ as originally filed on _8/10/01

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